Modification of Rural Debt Relief Schemes

1872. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have modified and liberalised its agricultural and rural debt relief scheme to enable those categories of people who were not included in the original scheme;

(b) how many States have implemented the Central Government scheme in this regard so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain States have refused to implement the scheme; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (d) Government of India have formulated a Scheme known as 'Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990' for providing debt relief to farmers, landless cultivators, artisans and weavers upto Rs. 10,000/- by public sector banks and regional rural banks. In so far as the banks in cooperative sector are concerned, State Governments have been requested to frame a scheme on similar pattern. With a view to further simplify the implementation of the scheme, the Central Goverhment had liberalised the scheme and decided that relief upto Rs. 10,000/- on overdue amounts as on 2-10-89 will be available to borrowers irrespective of size of loans taken by them.

As per reports received, seventeen States have accepted in principle the Central Government's Schome for adopting it in respect of Cooperatives. The State Governments are finalising their schemes. Ten State Governments have already sent their schemes to the Government of India and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development.

Leasing out of land to a Private Company by the Trade Fair Authority of India

1873. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the terms and conditions on which Trade Fair Authority of India has leased out some area of land to a private company for starting Appu Ghar in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that a shopping complex has been set up within the Appu Ghar premises in contravention of the provisions of the lease;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) whether any action legal or otherwise has been taken in the matter and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Statement

The area has been given by Trade Fair Authority of India on licence basis to M/s. International Amusement Ltd., under an Agreement for an initial period of three years, from 14th November, 1984 and subsequently renewed for additional five years. The broad terms